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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 10-2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chambers on
October 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair
Emily Correll
Craig Moloney
Anita Neal-Powell
Jessica Reynolds

Present: Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning
Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Payman Tehrani, Assistant City Attorney

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Black Eyed Susan Conference Room)

There were no decisions made during the Work Session.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding correspondence received on October 2, 2015.

The Historic District Commission met in Executive Session on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 7:32 p.m. in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Commissioner Moloney moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to convene in Executive Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding correspondence received on October 2, 2015. The motion passed 5-0.

Present: Commission Chair Rob Achtmeyer, Commissioner Craig Moloney, Commissioner Anita Neal Powell, and Commissioner Jessica Reynolds. Also present was Payman Tehrani, Assistant City Attorney, Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning and Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner.

Executive session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding correspondence received on October 2, 2015.

Commissioner Moloney moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

III. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville - Peerless Rockville Staff
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation - Anita Neal Powell
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – The Commission acknowledged the correspondence received from Judy Christensen on October 2, 2015 requesting that the HDC reconsider, on their own motion, their decision on the Confederate Monument made at the September meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **HDC2016-00750**, City of Rockville, to construct a new ADA parking lot for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater and Social Hall at 603 Edmonston Drive.
- B. **HDC2016-00769**, City of Rockville, for replacement of 44 pairs of shutters on Glenview Mansion.

Commissioner Reynolds moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

V. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

- A. **HDC2016-00764**, Janet and Tom McCool of 709 Grandin Avenue, for a Certificate of Approval to install a condenser and associated conduits.

Ms. Bashiri presented her staff report and recommended approval, based on Secretary of Interior's Standards #6 and #9.

Janet Hunt-McCool, owner of the property, answered questions from the HDC.

Commissioner Moloney moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to approve HDC2016-00764, with the condition that the conduit must be located either in the basement, underground, or if located on the exterior wall must match the color of the wall at grade, in that order of preference. The motion passed 5-0.

VI. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

- A. **HDC2016-00752**, The Village at Rockville, c/o Scott Haberkorn – 9701 Veirs Drive, for an avaluation of significance to allow demolition of nine triplex units within the Life care Facility.

Commissioner Moloney disclosed that he had worked on the project as a staff architect, but felt that he could be objective in his deliberation.

Sheila Bashiri presented her staff report and answered questions from the HDC.

Stuart Barr of Lerch Early & Brewer spoke on behalf of the Villages at Rockville.

Commissioner Moloney moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to accept the staff recommendation that the property does not meet any of the criteria for designation. The motion passed 5-0.

VII. DISCUSSION

- A. Update on Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment** – Ms. Bashiri stated she would provide the draft for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- B. Update on Map Amendment for 17 Martins Lane** – Jim Wasilak stated that the Mayor and Council held the public hearing and discussed the request, and directed staff to prepare an ordinance for adoption on October 19.
- C. Discussion on Confederate Monument** – The HDC discussed the correspondence received and clarified that no motion was forthcoming.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. James Wasilak, AICP
Chief of Zoning